

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compound consisting of an oligonucleotide of sequence CAGCAGCAGAGTCTTCATCAT, where the oligonucleotide has a phosphorothioate backbone throughout, the sugar moieties of nucleotides 1-4 and 18-21 bear 2'-O-methoxyethyl modifications, and the remaining nucleotides (nucleotides 5-17) are 2'-deoxynucleotides, and where the cytosines of nucleotides 1, 4 and 19 are 5-methylcytosines. The compound has increased stability *in vivo* and improved *in vitro* and *in vivo* antitumor activity.